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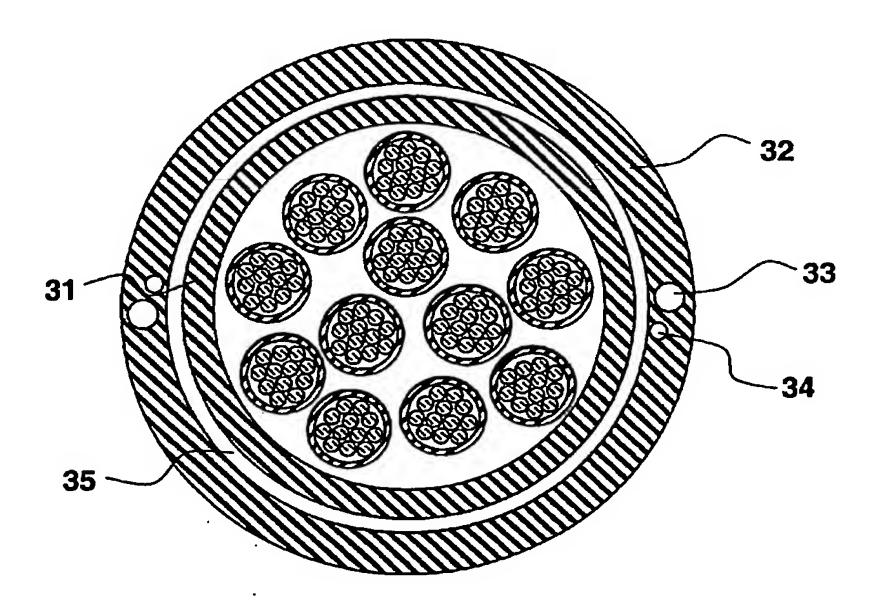
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(57) Abstract: Optical cable comprising at least one tubular element of polymeric material and at least one transmission element housed within said tubular element, wherein said polymeric material is made from a polymeric composition comprising: (a) at least one olefin polymer; (b) at least one inorganic filler; (c) at least one olefin polymer including at least one functional group; wherein said at least one olefin polymer including at least one functional group (c) is present in the polymeric composition in an amount of from about 3 parts by weight to about 10 parts by weight, preferably from about 5 parts by weight to about 8 parts by weight, with respect to 100 parts by weight of the olefin polymer (a).